REMARKS

Claim 31 is pending and are unamended.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement because it was based on previously <u>canceled</u> claims 1-30. A Preliminary Amendment filed August 22, 2006 canceled claims 1-30 and added new claim 31. Accordingly, a Restriction Requirement is believed to be inappropriate.

Claim 31 relates to species A (first embodiment). However, the first embodiment relates to Figs. 3-17, not Figs. 6-19 as identified by the Examiner. If the Examiner still wishes for a species election to be made, Applicants hereby elect species A.

Prompt examination of pending claim 31 is respectfully requested.

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